

DETECTIVE TELLS
OF CONFESSIONMine-Owners' Sleuth Testifies in the
Trial of Alleged Train Wreckers
at Cripple Creek.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Feb. 24.—K. C. Sterling, secret service agent of the Mine Owners' association, was the principal witness today in the trial of Sherman Parker, W. F. Davis and Thomas Foster, officials of the local Miners' union, on trial charged with conspiracy to wreck a Florence & Cripple Creek passenger train.

Sterling testified to receiving information from Charles Beckman, also in the employ of the Mine Owners' association, but posing as a union sympathizer, that a plan had been perfected to wreck the train on a certain night in November.

He described the place where he came upon the alleged train wreckers at work, their flight and subsequent arrest.

He gave testimony concerning the confession secured from Charles McKinney, as well as a map of the location of the abandoned shaft where the tools used by the alleged conspirators were hidden. He subsequently secured the articles from the shaft, he said.

Charles Beckman was also on the stand today. He denied on cross-examination, that he had been employed by the Mine Owners' association to induce union men to commit acts of violence in order to give excuse for an appeal to the Federal Government for troops. Several other witnesses corroborated previous testimony.

BIG SNOWSLIDES
IN IDAHO CANYONSTwo Men Reported Dead as the Result
of an Avalanche Near
Custer City.

Reports from central Idaho show unusually severe weather and heavy snowslides, causing loss of life. Near Custer City four men were covered in slides recently, of which number one Gene Truskil was rescued, by great efforts on the part of citizens of Custer City. Thomas, John Davis and Silas Romer are reported dead. The latter was an old-time resident of Custer and a famous trapper. He was entombed somewhere between Custer City and the Sunbeam mine on Jordan creek, the route to the Loon Creek mine. The Custer Prospector says: "The Miners' union held a meeting Thursday and appointed fourteen men to search for Silas Romer. They returned Friday evening. Romer may not be found until spring."

A letter received in Salt Lake yesterday by J. A. Cizek says the Lost Packer leads at Loon creek have suddenly widened to ten feet on the 200-foot level and away. Traffic is temporarily blocked by snow between the towns of Custer and Challis.

BOISE, Ida., Feb. 24.—A special to the Statesman from Huntington says: A snowslide occurred today about seventeen miles west of this place and five miles east of Durkee that delayed the east-bound passenger. The wrecking crew left early this afternoon for the scene of the slide and it is expected to have the track cleared soon.

ANOTHER CHICAGO
FIRE AND BAD SCARE

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Another theater building in Chicago has been attacked by fire. The latest structure is the skyscraper known as the Schiller, sixteen stories in height, and located half a square west of the Iroquois theater.

The Garrick theater, recently reopened, is situated in the Schiller building. Fire started in the thirteenth floor before daylight and for a time seemed likely to get beyond control, owing to the difficulty of effectually reaching the flames at such a lofty height.

Guests of the Union hotel, adjoining on the west, were roused from sleep, and some of them were in a panic. The fire damage, however, was small, and was confined to the four upper stories of the Schiller building.

UNCLE SAM GETS MORTGAGE
ON GATE RECEIPTS OF FAIR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—A mortgage has been executed by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company to the United States Government to cover the loan of \$4,600,000 authorized by Congress to be loaned to the company. Secretary Shaw now has the mortgage in his possession.

One million dollars will be paid over to the company in a few days; two millions will be paid in March, one million in April, and \$600,000 in May. The mortgage covers the gate receipts of the fair, and repayment of the amount loaned will be made in June.

The mortgage provides that in event of the failure of the exposition company to pay promptly the amount loaned, the Government shall take charge of the fair and run it.

BANDITS RAID POSTOFFICE
IN AN OREGON TOWN

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 24.—Four masked and desperate robbers entered the postoffice at Cayuse, twelve miles east of here, last night, bound and gagged John McNeerney, the clerk, and looted the establishment, carrying with them \$200 and merchandise to the amount of \$100. The safe was blown open and with the violent explosion a portion of the building was torn away. Sheriff Taylor, with a posse, is pursuing the outlaws.

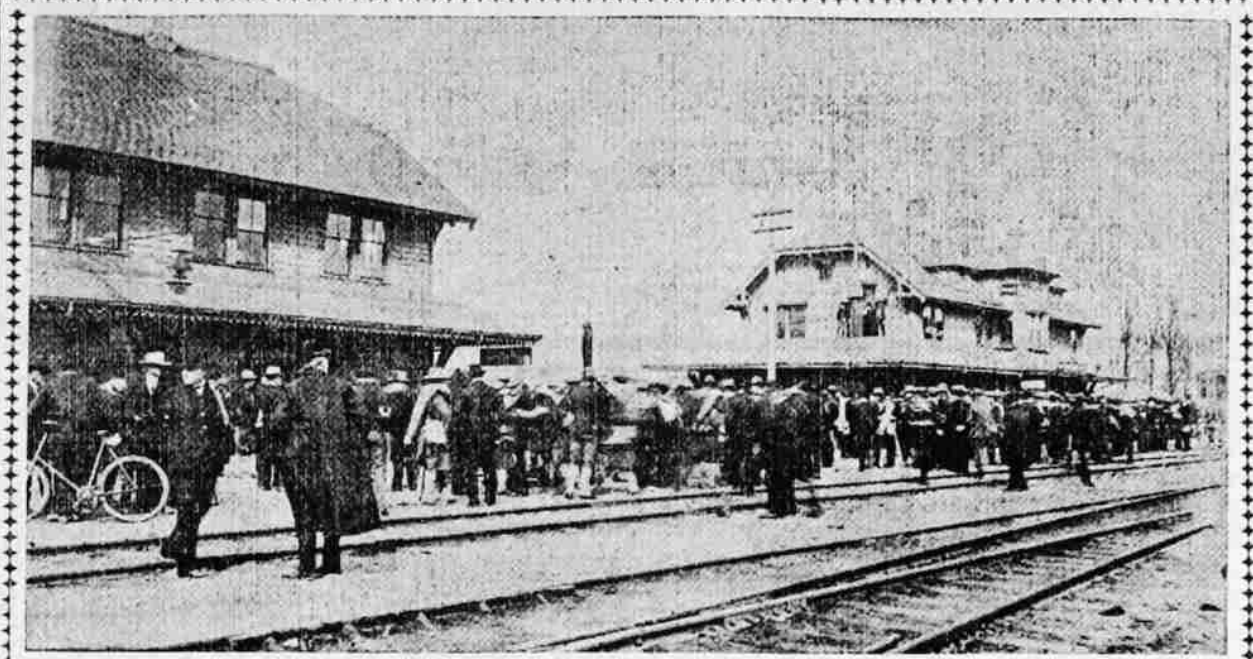
BERRYS PAINTED BLACK
BY DEWEY WITNESSES

NORTON, Kan., Feb. 24.—The trial of Chauncey Berry, the millionaire ranchman, and his co-defendants, was resumed today. The large part of the day was taken up by the defense in an attempt to show that the Berry had at different times threatened the life of Dewey. Twelve witnesses, mostly neighbors of the two families, gave evidence favorable to Dewey and discreditable to the Berrys.

Drunken Indians Fight to Death.
EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 24.—Seven Indians of Cle Elum, on the Willamette river, became involved in a drunken fight on Saturday night. John Price was stabbed through the lung and will die. Billy Wilson was disemboweled and will die. Two others were wounded.

TWELFTH INFANTRY OFF FOR PHILIPPINES

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Crowd at Depot to See Soldiers Off.

Photo by Harry Shipley.

change in store for them and were anxious to be on the way, so that when the long train moved out there were shouts of joy mingled with the pains of grief, and amid much waving of hats and handkerchiefs, with the band playing and whistles screeching, the Twelfth was started on the way to the far East under the most favorable auspices possible.

STAY OF TWO YEARS.

The Twelfth infantry regiment came to Fort Douglas in May 1902, to which post it was assigned after having been relieved from service in the Philippines throughout the Spanish-American war. To many of its members, therefore, the service in the islands will not be new, though, naturally, there have been many changes since the regiment's return. Before leaving on this trip the companies at Fort Douglas were recruited to their full quota, some 200 or

300 men having arrived from Fort Logan, Colo., during the past week on transfer to the departing regiment. Men whose term of enlistment had nearly expired and who did not care to re-enlist, as well as those who were found to be physically unfit for service in the islands, were left behind. There were very few of the latter class, and the soldiers who left yesterday were an exceptionally fine looking body of men. There was a total of almost 500 men in the six companies. That they will render a good account of themselves in the new field is not questioned.

The roster of officers in charge of the Twelfth is as follows: Col. Bubb, commanding officer; Maj. Wood, Capt. Hirst, adjutant; Capt. Pardee, B company; Capt. Winn, quartermaster; Capt. Cochran, commissary officer; Capt. Harrison, A company; Capt. Fille, C company; Lieut. Foreman, ordinance officer; Taylor, C company; Lieut.

Chambers, C company; Lieut. Hiedt, B company; Lieut. Hardman, D company; Lieut. Madison, C company; Lieut. Harrall, A company. These officers and a large majority of the men in the regiment have made a great many friends in Salt Lake during the time they have been stationed at Fort Douglas, and, excepting for the consideration that it may enlarge their personal opportunities for advancement, their departure occasions general regret.

Fort Douglas is left for the present in charge of the Twelfth and Twenty-second batteries of field artillery, with Maj. Calitt the commanding officer. The regiment which is to take the place of the Twelfth at the post has not yet been given out officially, but it is believed that it will be either the Tenth or the Eleventh infantry, both of which regiments have recently reached San Francisco from service in the Philippines.



Loading Twelfth Regiment Baggage.

Photo by Harry Shipley.

WHO WILL CAPTAIN
REPUBLICAN SHIP?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—There has been considerable discussion around the Senate and House about the probable successor to Senator Hanna as chairman of the Republican National committee, and the names of Senator Scott of West Virginia, Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania and Representative Dick, who is slated to be Senator Hanna's successor in the Senate from Ohio, are most frequently mentioned.

A suggestion also is made that Senator Aldrich no doubt will be connected with the committee in some capacity, probably as chairman of the finance committee.

It is said of both Senator Scott and Representative Dick that they were closer politically to Senator Hanna than any other men, and having been through two National campaigns with him, know more about his methods and his connection with National politics than any other men.

Col. Swords, who for a long time was sergeant-at-arms of the National committee, recently wrote a letter to Senator Scott concerning Senator Hanna, in which he said: "In the last conversation I had with Senator Hanna just before he went to Ohio previous to his election, and the last time he was in New York, I congratulated him upon appointing you as chairman of the sub-

committee on arranging for the convention in Chicago, and he said: 'Scottie, why he knows more about running a National convention than any man in the country, and he is closer to me than any friend I have. He is a great, big-hearted fellow, as good as gold and as true as steel, and I cherish him as one of my best friends.'

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SNOW SHROUDS FOR
SIX IN COLORADO

CRESTED BUTTE, Colo., Feb. 24.—Six miners have been killed by a snowslide near the Augusta mine, nine miles northwest of Crested Butte. They are: Peter McQuade, Joseph Ferrer, Peter Sterle, Joseph Slogar, Michael Vidmar, Tony Stenicha. Only one body has been recovered.

DYNAMITE DEALS DEATH
TO MONTANA CONTRACTORS

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 24.—Henry Dickson of Cody, a contractor, was killed near Billings, Mont., by a premature explosion of dynamite. William Simmons, Dickson's assistant, was slightly burned and William Marchand, a bystander, was fatally injured.

The men were Mormons. Dickson placed a stick of dynamite in a hot hole, where a former charge had burned out. Dickson's head was blown off.

WORLD'S FAIR POSTAL
CLERK BEHIND BARS

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—Frank C. Hostetter, superintendent of the World's fair postoffice station, was arrested today, charged with opening, detaining and embezzling mail matter, letters and packages. Before United States Commissioner Rabbitt he made a full confession and was admitted to bond to await action by the grand jury. His purpose, according to his confession, was merely to secure inside information as to concessions, exhibits, etc., designed for the World's fair and to either use such information himself or to give it as tips to certain friends who were interested.

Hostetter has been in the postoffice service for twenty-three years.

FEDERAL APPOINTEES
CONFIRMED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Senate has confirmed the following nominations: Fred D. Fisher, Oregon, to be Consul at Tamsui, Formosa.

Elijah Cope, Tennessee, to be an assistant paymaster in the navy.

Also several promotions in the navy.

POPULISTS ISSUE
CONVENTION CALL

Will Meet at Springfield, Ill., July 4th, and Name a National Ticket.—Declaration of Principles.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—The joint committee of the fusionists and the middle-of-the-road Populists, representing the People's party of the United States, today issued the official call for a National convention of the People's party to meet in Springfield, Ill., on July 4, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States and for the formulation of a National platform.

The basis of representation will be one delegate from each Congressional district in each State, with an additional delegate-at-large for each State and for each 2000 or majority fraction thereof cast for Gen. James B. Weaver for President in 1892; the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory five delegates each, and three delegates from each of the other Territories.

The declaration of principles for the People's party formulated and issued by the National committee in joint session today reiterates oft-repeated declarations, and adds:

"In both of the great political parties of the Nation are to be found two irreconcilable factions, one in favor of Governmental usurpation, tending to the establishment of a new feudalism, and the other standing for industrial and political liberty.

"In the People's party of the Nation lies the only hope of the perpetuation of popular institutions. We ratify and reaffirm the fundamental principles of the platform of the People's party adopted at its National convention in Omaha in 1892."

LITHOGRAPHERS NOW
READY TO WALK OUT

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The Lithographers' union of New York has rejected by a large majority an arbitration proposition by the Employers' association, which takes in the employers throughout the United States and Canada.

The other unions are expected to take similar action, which probably means a general lockout March 26th of 10,000 union lithographers employed by the association, unless there should be a strike before that time.

FIGHT OVER NAVAL
BILL GROWS WARM

Storm Centers Encountered and Measure May Be Recommended—Senate Discusses Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Two storm centers were encountered in consideration of the naval appropriation bill in the House today. First the great lakes training station went out of the bill on a point of order, after a wordy battle.

The building programme proposed in the bill then met criticism and blocked further progress of the measure for the day. Mr. Burton of Ohio, the echoes of whose sensational speech for peace on Monday had hardly died out, moved to strike out the provision for the single battleship authorized.

This motion is now pending and it served as a text, after Mr. Burton had supplemented his Monday's speech with figures showing that the United States was building more naval vessels than any other European country except Great Britain, for several Republican speeches in which Mr. Burton had declared not to be in line with his party.

In the event of the defeat of this motion and the acceptance of the whole building programme a motion is to be made tomorrow by Representative Meyer of Louisiana to have the bill re-committed to the Naval committee with the following instructions:

First, to provide for a coaling station and dock at Olongapo, P. I., instead of a naval station.

Second, to eliminate the provision for two armored cruisers, and the armor thereof costing \$15,000,000.

Third, to place a limit of \$200 per ton as a maximum price for armor plate, with the provision for an armor plate factory to cost not over \$4,000,000, if the armor cannot be produced within the limit prescribed.

Fourth, that all vessels herein provided for under the head of 'Increase of the Navy,' except the battleship, be constructed in Government navy yards.

SENATE AMENDS THE
AGRICULTURAL MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Senate spent the greater part of today in discussing an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill striking out the House provision giving authority to the Secretary of Agriculture to inspect imported food products when misbranded or suspected of impurity.

The amendment was suggested by Mr. Aldrich, who said the provision opened the way for an encroachment by the Secretary of Agriculture on the duties of the Secretary of the Treasury and was calculated to cause a duplication in the service of the two officials.

Messrs. Lodge, Beveridge, Patterson and others supported Mr. Aldrich.

Mr. Proctor, in charge of the bill, defended the provision and had the aid of Messrs. Dooliver, McComas, Bacon and others.

The discussion was closed by substituting the provision of the act of 1900 bending on the same point. This solution the problem was accepted by all. Mr. Proctor and was accepted by all.

Consideration of the bill practically was concluded, but final action on it was postponed until tomorrow, in order to allow an inspection of it as amended.

HEARD IN THE HOTELS.

"Salt Lake City is too swift for business," said a young salesman at the Kenyon last night. "I've been here a week and have not been able to see a customer. And to make the matter worse my boss dropped in town the other morning and wanted to be introduced to the trade. Trade," said I, "Why I haven't had time to introduce myself to the trade. Fact is I've been hooked ever since I got to town and I've been trying to break even."

"What did he say?" Oh, he is not much of a talker. I am expecting a fatherly sort of a letter most any mail, however, and the young man returned to the dice box.

Commenting on the incident above related, a friend to the sporty young fellow said: "There is one of the finest salesmen that comes to Salt Lake City. He does more work in a few hours than any man I ever saw, but a colored boot-black could learn him away from a customer and engage him in a game of hour of the week. He is the worst ever."

Discussing the attitude of the United States in the Columbian affair, a traveling man at the Wilson said that it looks like Uncle Sam was intending to let the annual conference of the United States and Vice-President of the United States and for the formulation of a National platform.

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BOSTON AND MONTANA
INJUNCTION HELD UP

Famous Suit Which Ties Up \$3,000,000 in Dividends, Taken Under Adversity by New York Court.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Justice Gilderleeve, in the Supreme court, today heard argument on and reserved decision in the matter of the application by John Macginniss for a continuance of a temporary injunction restraining the Boston & Montana Consolidated Copper and Silver Mining company, the Parrot Silver and Copper company and the Anaconda Copper Mining company from paying out dividends to the Amalgamated Copper company by the last-named corporation.

Macginniss is the vice-president of the Montana Ore Purchasing company, and claims that by the arrangements by which the Amalgamated Copper company became the parent company of the now subsidiary company he and other minority stockholders have been seriously injured.

The Amalgamated Copper company has declared a dividend of 2 per cent, payable on Monday next, but cannot pay unless it receives the dividends from the subsidiary companies, and for this reason the injunction was immediately dissolved.

Louis Marshall of Guggenheimer, Untermyer & Marshall, and Mr. Garvin, representing the defendant companies, asserted that all the allegations stated in the complaint of Macginniss and his associates, had all been raised in other suits brought in the Supreme court here and in that of Montana within the last three years.

Franklin Brien, for Macginniss, claimed that the agreement by which the subsidiary companies were purchased was the result of a conspiracy to benefit the shareholders of the Amalgamated and irreparably injure Macginniss and his associates, who had refused to deliver up valuable stock in the Parrot company to the Boston company of Montana for the watered stock of the Amalgamated, reserved decision.

PRESIDENT SURE OF
FIVE OUT OF SEVENAdmiral Walker and Four Others
Accept Positions on the Panama
Canal Board.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Roosevelt has received definite acceptance from five of his appointees on the new Isthmian Canal commission. They are:

Rear-Admiral John G. Walker, United States navy, retired.

Gen. George W. Davis, United States army, retired.

Col. Frank Hecker of Detroit, director of transportation during the Spanish-American war.

William Barclay Parsons, engineer of the New York subway.

William H. Burr, professor of engineering at Columbia university, New York, and at one time a member of the Walker Isthmian Canal commission.

It is quite likely, although it has not been determined absolutely, that the other two members of the commission will be Benjamin M. Harrod of New Orleans, an engineer of the Mississippi River commission, and C. Ewald Grundy of San Francisco, a distinguished hydraulic engineer. It is believed that Mr. Grundy will accept.

It was hoped by the President that Alfred Noble, engineer of the Pennsylvania railroad, would accept one of the appointments, but it is understood tonight that he has declined definitely.

The President expects to complete the personnel of the commission soon, perhaps tomorrow. He will send the appointments to the Senate at once.

HOW W. C. WHITNEY
DISPOSED OF FORTUNE

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The will of the late William C. Whitney was filed for probate in Mineola, L. I., today. Harry Payne Whitney is sole executor and trustee under the will.

After legacies of \$250,000 each to Adelaide and Bertie Randolph, step-children, have been deducted and provisions made for an income of \$30,000 a year for his daughter Dorothy, the bulk of the estate is left in trust, one-half of the income to go to Harry Payne Whitney, the oldest son; one-tenth to his daughter, Pauline, now Mrs. Almeric A. Page; one-tenth to his son Payne, and three-tenths to his daughter Dorothy.

MAYOR OF CHICAGO TESTIFIES
IN CAR-BARN BANDIT CASE

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Mayor Carter H. Harrison appeared in court today as a witness against the car barn bandits. The Mayor testified against the claim that the confessions of the defendants were secured by intimidation and force.

This is the second time in the history of the city that a Mayor has been called as a witness in a murder case.

The other time was when Carter Harrison, Sr., told the jury trying the anarchist story of what he saw and heard on Haymarket square preceding the throwing of a dynamite bomb.

Mothers' Congress.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Edwin C. Grace of this city, secretary of the National Congress of Mothers, announces that the annual conference of the National Congress will be held in Chicago, May 11th to 14th.

"Fighting Bob" Coming Home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Admiral Evans has cabled the Navy department that he will sail for home about March 26th on the battleship Kentucky.

OF INTEREST TO
PASS PASSENGERS

Federal Supreme Court Holds Railroads Not Liable for Damages for Killing Men Riding on Passes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The question as to whether a passenger on a railroad train riding on a free pass who loses his life on account of an act of carelessness on the part of the railroad company stands on the same footing as a passenger who pays his fare, was today decided by the Supreme court of the United States against the free passenger.

The case in which the opinion was rendered was that of the Northern Pacific Railroad company versus Louis E. Adams and Frank E. Adams, heirs of Jay H. Adams, an attorney of Spokane, Wash.

In 1898 Mr. Adams was killed while riding on a pass which contained a stipulation exempting the railroad company from liability in case of accident. The Federal Circuit court for the district of Washington State awarded damages to the extent of \$14,000, and the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth circuit affirmed this judgment.

The opinion of the Supreme court was handed down by Justice Brewer, and reversed the lower court. The Supreme court held that there could be no higher measure of duty to the heirs than to Adams himself, and that there is nothing in public policy to prevent a contract between a common carrier and a free passenger exempting the carrier from liability in case of accident. The company, it is held, was not under any obligation to accept the privilege offered, and having accepted that privilege, the court said, cannot repudiate its conditions.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF
JACKSON HORROR DEAD

OGDEN, Utah, Feb. 24.—Sam Sortes, a Greek who was injured in the explosion of a car of dynamite last Friday, died this afternoon.

This is the twenty-ninth death resulting from the explosion.

The funeral of nine of the victims was held this afternoon. Several hundred countrymen of the Greeks were present from various parts of the United States. The sermon was read in Greek by the Rev. John E. Carver of the Presbyterian church.

MILLIONS FOR JUDICIARY,
LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Senate Committee on Appropriations today reported the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. It carries \$13,700,000.

Named by President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations:

Rear-Admiral—Capt. Casper F. Goodrich.

Postmaster—Washington: James Latta, Rosslyn.

Five Chinese Perish by Fire.

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 24.—Five Chinese were burned to death today in a fire which gutted a Chinese laundry on North Hunter street. They were asleep in a small room. Only one succeeded in escaping. It is thought that a defective flue caused the fire.

There is no Substitute for

ROYAL
BAKING
POWDER

Absolutely Pure

It is a Matter of Health